

Barnabas Meal Ministry Guidelines

Perdido Bay Methodist Church

WHAT IS THE BARNABAS MEAL MINISTRY?

A ministry within the church which is made up of volunteers that provide fresh meals to church attendees and others during times of need.

WHO DO WE SERVE?

We desire to provide fresh meals for families and individuals in need or crisis; to be a blessing to families who are welcoming a new child; to be comfort in time of loss, grief, or extended illness; and to provide a tangible opportunity for church attendees to express their love and care for others.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Barnabas Meal Ministry Coordinator(s) works closely with the Church office and Hostess. Needs are made known through a direct request to the church office (email or phone call) from small groups or individuals who are aware of specific needs. The Church Hostess will notify the Meal Ministry Coordinator(s) who will then contact the individual in need for the purpose of determining how we can best serve (best days and times to deliver/size of family/food allergies, etc.). After contacting the family in need, the Meal Ministry Coordinator(s) will contact volunteers and coordinate arranging for fresh meals and delivery. The Meal Ministry Coordinator(s) will also communicate back with the family as to when meals will be delivered and who will be delivering.

HOW DO WE SERVE?

We strive to provide 2 meals for families within the week we learn of the need. At times, we may provide more than 2 meals or less than 2 meals, depending on the needs of the family or individual. Fresh meals are delivered directly to the recipient's home in **non-returnable containers**. Meals can be store bought, homemade, frozen, bought from a restaurant, etc. Anything given in love is appreciated.

HOW CAN I HELP?

The Barnabas Meal Ministry is an excellent way to serve others, share the love of Jesus, and make a difference in someone's life. The purpose is to help others in need by providing and delivering fresh, ready-to-eat meals. During times of need, a friendly face and a meal can be an incredible blessing.

Should you desire to be a part of the meal ministry team and be contacted when there are specific needs for fresh food or delivery, please contact Renee Hartshorn, Church Hostess at renee@perdidobay.church or call the church office, 850-492-2135.

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